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For: Minimal Maintenance Link to Support Synchronization

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REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Box Missing Parts
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Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated March 13, 2001, the following documents and fees are being submitted for filing in the captioned application. A copy of the Notice is attached.

- ☒ **EXECUTED DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY**
(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)
- ☒ **FILING FEE** - with Fee Transmittal for Patent Applications in duplicate.
(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)
- ☒ **SURCHARGE** - surcharge fee of \$130.
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- ☐ **SEQUENCE LISTING** - Filed concurrently and is attached.
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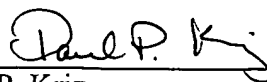
☐ **TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS**☐ Sheets of substitute drawings consisting of Figs. 1 - ☐ are enclosed.*(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)*☐ **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**☐ Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated ☐ for ☐ month(s) from ☐ to ☐. The appropriate fee of \$☐ is included in the enclosed check.☐ A ☐ month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated ☐ was filed on ☐ with payment of a \$☐ fee.☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an additional ☐ month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The appropriate fee of \$☐ is included in the enclosed check.*(Separate Petition for Extension of Time and postcard not required)*☐ **REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT** - Filed concurrently and is attached.*(Separate transmittal letter and postcard required)*☐ **STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**☐ Was filed on ☐.☐ Is enclosed herewith.*(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)*☐ In view of the small entity status of the captioned application, we hereby request a reimbursement of 50% of the filing fees in the amount of \$☐ which were paid on ☐ to be deposited in Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

The fees required for filing the indicated documents are enclosed in the form of a check in the total amount of \$1002. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees that may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

By



Paul P. Kriz

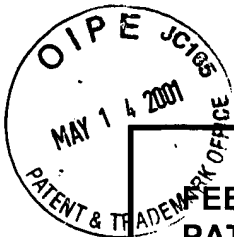
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FREE TRANSMITTAL FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS	Attorney Docket Number	2479.1067-001
	Application Number	09/778,474
	First Named Inventor	G. Rodney Nelson, Jr.

CLAIM CALCULATION (includes any preliminary amendment)

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))	29 - 20* =	9	x \$ 18 =	\$ 162
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))	3 - 3** =		x \$ 80 =	\$ 0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$ 270 =	\$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a) or (h))	\$ 710
				Total of above Calculations =	\$ 872
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) =	\$
				TOTAL =	\$ 872
				Surcharge - Late Filing of Declaration or Filing Fees (37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)) =	\$ 130
				Petition for Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17) =	\$
				Assignment Recordation Fee = (only when filed with application)	\$
				TOTAL =	\$ 1002

* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
** Reissue independent claims over original patent

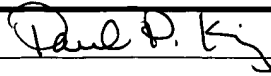
1. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

2. ☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge deposit account number 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

3. ☒ A check is enclosed for \$1002. ☐ Please charge \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

4. ☐ Other: _____

Signature		Date	May 7, 2001
Submitted by Typed or Printed Name	Paul P. Kriz	Reg. Number	45,752



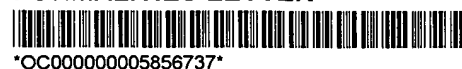
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$162.
 - \$162 for 9 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1002.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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